GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

A B S T R A C T

PUBLIC SERVANTS - ENERGY DEPT. – Allegation of possession of assets disproportionate to the known sources of legal income against Sri Penuballi Jithendra, Deputy Chief Electrical Inspector, Vijayawada, Krishna District, A.P., – Final Report and Articles of charges received from the D.G., ACB, Vijayawada - Further action dropped – Regularization of suspension period as on duty under Rule 54 - B(3)&(4) - Orders – Issued.

ENERGY, INFRASTRUCTURE AND INVESTMENT (VIGILANCE) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 13 **Dated: 08-02-2019**

Read the following:

1. From the Range Inspector-III, ACB Vijayawada, Radio Message dated 13.10.2015.
2. G.O.Rt.No.28, Energy, I & I (VIG) Dept., Dated 19.10.2015.
3. From the D.G., A.C.B., Hyderabad, Lr.No.138/RCA-VKI/2015, Dated 19.02.2016.
4. G.O.Ms.No.33, Energy, I & I (VIG) Dept., Dated 07.10.2016.
5. G.O.Ms.No.53, Energy, I & I (VIG) Dept., Dated 21.04.2017.
6. From the D.G., ACB, Vijayawada in Lr.Rc.No.138/RCA-VKI/2015-S-9, Dated 22.03.2018.
7. Govt.Memo.No.1577/VIG/2015, Dated 04.05.2018; 12.06.2018 & 17.08.2018.
8. From the D.G., ACB, Vijayawada in Lr.Rc.No.138/RCA-VKI/2015-S-9, Dated 27.08.2018.
9. G.O.Rt.No.126, Energy, I & I (VIG) Dept., Dated 18.09.2018.
10. From Shri P.Jithendra, Dy.CEIG, Vijayawada, dated 04.10.2018.

O R D E R:

Whereas, in the reference 1st read above, it has come to the notice of the Govt. of Andhra Pradesh that a Disproportionate Assets was registered in Cr.No.22/RCA-ACB-VJA/2015 by the Investing Agency i.e. ACB against Sri Penuballi Jithendra, Deputy Chief Electrical Inspector, Vijayawada, Krishna District, as he had acquired assets disproportionate to the known sources of his legal income and remanded to Judicial Custody on 10.10.2015.

2. In the G.O. 2nd read above, Govt. after examining all the material available and having due regard to the circumstances of the case, placed Sri Penuballi Jithendra, Deputy Chief Electrical Inspector, Vijayawada, Krishna District under suspension.

3. And whereas, in the G.O. 4th read above, Govt. authorized the investigating officer of Anti-Corruption Bureau of this case for filing applications in the court of Special Judge for Special Police Establishment & Anti-Corruption Bureau Cases, Vijayawada for attachment of the properties worth Rs.1,81, 29,047=00 (Rupees One Crore Eighty-one lakhs Twenty-nine Thousand and Forty-seven only) as described in the Annexure I to IV therein under section-3 of the Criminal Law Amendment Ordinance, 1944.

4. And whereas, in the G.O. 5th read above, Govt. have reviewed the suspension of Sri Penuballi Jithendra, Deputy Chief Electrical Inspector, Vijayawada, Krishna District and he was reinstated into service, without prejudice to the disciplinary proceedings initiated against him.

5. And whereas, in the reference 6th read above, investigating authority has submitted final report that the allegation of possession of assets disproportionate to the known sources of income is held not substantiated since disproportionate assets to the known sources of income worth of Rs.39,41,824/- of the Accused officer are less than 20% of the total income and recommended for departmental action may be initiated against the Accused Officer, Sri Penuballi Jithendra, Deputy Chief Electrical Inspector, Vijayawada for violation of Rule 3(1) & (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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6. In reply to the Govt. Memo vide reference 7th read above, the Director General, Anti Corruption-Bureau, Vijayawada has furnished the draft articles of charges against Sri Penuballi Jithendra, Deputy Chief Electrical Inspector, Vijayawada, vide reference 8th read above.

7. In the reference 9th read above, Govt. have accepted the recommendations of the Director General, ACB, Vijayawada, articles of charges were issued against Sri Penuballi Jithendra, Deputy Chief Electrical Inspector, Vijayawada.

8. In the reference 10th read above, Sri Penuballi Jithendra, Deputy Chief Electrical Inspector, Vijayawada has submitted his written statement of defence, stated that he didn't violate Rule -3(1) & (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964 and requested the Govt. to drop all charges levelled against him; to release his properties attached by ACB; to regularize his suspension period treating as ON DUTY under F.R.54-B(3)&(4) and also release all consequential benefits entitled to him.

9. Government, after careful examination of the written statement of defence of the charged officer and advice of advisory authority have considered and accepted for dropping the charges levelled against Sri Penuballi Jithendra, Deputy Chief Electrical Inspector, Vijayawada in disproportionate assets case registered against him in Cr.No.22/RCA-ACB-VJA/2015 under section 13(2) read with 13(1)(e) of P.C.Act, 1998 and release his properties attached by ACB; to regularize his suspension period as ON DUTY under F.R.54-B(3)&(4) and also release all consequential benefits entitled to him.

10. Accordingly, Govt. hereby drop further action against Sri Penuballi Jithendra, Deputy Chief Electrical Inspector, Vijayawada, Krishna District as far as the allegation of possession of disproportionate assets case registered against him in Cr.No.22/RCA-ACB-VJA/2015 under section 13(2) read with 13(1)(e) of P.C.Act, 1998, as disproportionate assets is within 20% of his total income AND to release his properties attached by ACB; to regularize his suspension period as ON DUTY under F.R.54-B(3)&(4) and also release all consequential benefits entitled to him.

11. The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh shall take immediate necessary action accordingly and acknowledge the receipt of the order.

12. The Director of Electrical Safety and Chief Electrical Inspector to Government, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur shall take necessary action in the matter and acknowledge the receipt of the order.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJAY JAIN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General, A.C.B., Vijayawada, A.P.,
Sri Penuballi Jithendra, Deputy Chief Electrical Inspector,
Vijayawada, Krishna District **through** the DES & CEIG, A.P., Guntur.
The Director of Electrical Safety & Chief Electrical Inspector to Govt.(FAC),
A.P., Guntur.
Copy to:
The Secretary to Vig.Commnr., APVC, Velagapudi (for information).
The Energy, I & I (OP) Dept., (for information)
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